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OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
999 E STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON DC 20463

Re: Complaint against Kentucky State District Council of Carpenters

Dear Ma'am/Sir:

I am writing with regard to a complaint which was brought to our office regarding allegations of possible wrongdoing by members of the Carpenters Union District Council in the state of Kentucky during the past General Election and Primary Election cycle. Many of these allegations had to do with federal elections for Congress, and we therefore bring it to your attention.

The allegations include members of the District Council being coerced into making campaign contributions, contributions that are not made of their own free will under threat of job loss or other consequences. In addition, members of the District Council were ordered to work in the campaign offices of the various candidates which were being supported by the District Council of Carpenters. The Council did not report this as a campaign contribution; instead required the members of their council to complete their time sheets showing membership education.

There are several individuals who are willing to speak with your investigators regarding activities by the District Council of Carpenters. They are, however, in fear of physical harm, should their names be disclosed publicly. For that reason, we have not included their names in this letter. Their names are available by contacting Special Agent in Charge Bob Foster with the FBI in Lexington, Kentucky or the undersigned with the Office of the Attorney General in Frankfort, Kentucky.



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The individuals alleged to have committed the actions referred to in this letter are Steve Barger, who is the business manager and treasurer for the Kentucky State District Council of Carpenters, Don Mitchell, who is the statewide political director for the Kentucky State District Council of Carpenters, and Thomas Schultz, who is the general counsel for the Kentucky State District Council of Carpenter. The Kentucky State District Council of Carpenters is located at 632 Comanche Trail, Frankfort, Kentucky. Other individuals named as proponents of these activities are Jerry Landers, possibly a Dan Forbis and Mike Fleitz.

If you have any questions or if I can be of additional help to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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